

REMARKS

Claims 1, 24-29, 35, 36, 39-42, 44-51, 57, 58, 61-65, 70-71, 73, and 85-87 are pending in the Application. Claims 25-29, 45-49, 63, 70-71, 73, 86, and 87 are rejected for various formal matters. Applicants have amended claims 25, 27-29, 45, 47-49, 63, 70-71, 73, and 86-87. Upon entry of the Amendments, all of the pending claims remain pending. Support for the Amendments is found in the specification as originally filed. In particular, the claims are amended to provide proper antecedent basis for various terms. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendments.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 25 and 86 are objected to. In response, Applicants have amended claims 25 and 86 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request the objections be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 25-29, 45-49, 63, 70-71, 73, 86 and 87 are rejected under § 112 as being indefinite. The Office Action points out various deficiencies in the claim as regards. Claim language, antecedent basis, and the like. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Brittain for his careful review of the claim language and for giving them an opportunity to amend the claims before issue.

In response to the rejections, Applicants have amended claims 25, 27-29, 45, 47-49, 63, 70-71, 73, and 86-87 to provide proper antecedent basis where needed. Applicants believe the claim amendments have addressed every issue of indefiniteness referred to in the Office Action. On that basis, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants believe that the pending claims are now in a state of allowability and respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Applicants' representative if that would be helpful to resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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